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from the

PRESIDENT'S DESK



Hope you folks all have a nice summer and a Happy 4th of July with your family and friends.

Well, the first thing to mention in my report is to thank all who have accepted their nomination. I wrote to all who were paid up members. Many were nominated but few bothered to answer their letters that were sent to them. Maybe its just as well as people like this don't make good officers anyhow. If they can't find time to answer their letters, they really don't have the time to be an officer either. Thanks to all who have answered their nominations. I also want to thank all those 59 members who had nominated me to run again. Its time for me to retire and just enjoy my hobby. I roll elongated coins but always to busy doing other peoples work that I never had time to take care of my own things.

One more thing I hope to say is only members in good standing who were nominated were told they were nominated. Many others who were nominated even to this time of typeing weren't paid up members. So they could not run anyhow as they weren't even TEC members. While others didn't bother to answer their nominations.

The ballots will be sent with this issue. Write in votes are welcomed to. Do not put anything in with your ballot and only check who you want to vote for or write in a name. The ballots must be sent back at once. The ballots will not be opened until at the convention.

Those that have not paid their 1985 dues will not receive any more TEC NEWS. A person can be reinststed any-time they pay their dues. All dues are sent to the secretary and to no one else. Dues have to be recorded in the secretary's book. Also if you want to receive your card and coin send dues to the secretary.

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 FROM THE PRESIDENT DESK

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Those few that pay dues at the convention are only paying back dues and not for next year. Thats why its best not to accept dues at the convention as no one carries their record book with them. Also pay your dues with a check and make check out to "The Elongated Collectors," and not to anyone else. By paying by check helps all of us. Dues are still \$5.00 and I think the members get a lot for their \$5.00. As they get five free coins or one each with TEC NEWS and you also get your membership coin free to. Only those that pay their dues get a free membership coin to. I want to thank all who have paid their dues. Many still have not at this typeing. Dues are now past due.

Many members say they have reached the age where they want to retire and have resigned. Sorry to hear this as you know life begins at 40. So lots more years to go yet. So come on folks don't give up.

I appreciate hearing from the few members who have ordered a 1985 TEC badge after they received their April issue of the TEC NEWS. Your missing out on a nice TEC badge if you didn't order a TEC badge as these will become a collectors item in years to come. Some are even now. I know you always will be able to sell these as even now many are looking for some of the different years. We have some beautiful badges made through out the years. All the badges are made on quarters and still only \$5.00.

I want to thank all my friends who have helped me through out the years. I have met and write to many wonderful nice people. I am grateful to all of you in your support to me. With-out your kindness showed us we couldn't have done it.

I have received many, many beautiful gifts that I wont part with. No matter where I look I see some gift a member has sent me. One I have is the large picture of St. Therese that one member sent me. I hung it above the T.V. so I can see her everyday. I also received a beautiful candy bowl with a large foreign coin on the bottom. When it was sent to me they wrote, try rolling this coin out. Its such a beautiful dish I could not abuse this. Another member who was a wood carver had made me one of the largest wooden elongated coin made so far. On one side it shows Mr. Lincoln and on the other side it told the life of what I did in numismatic, up to that year. The member told me he'd never make another and he said the price of the wooden hand carved elongated penny is worth \$500. as thats what he would sell it for if he was selling it. I think it was the last he made as soon after he passed away. Like I said no matter where I look I can point out and say so-so a TEC member gave it to me. So thanks to each and everyone of you that have been so kind to me. I will remember my good friends in "The Elongated Collectors."

As I say my good-bye I say it with sadness as I to just want to roll coins and to enjoy making new elongated coins. I am buying or ordering dies made so in the fall I'll go to town rolling many coins. I'm also writing a book on the many elongated coins, wooden money postcards with my coins on them and the many P.N.C Covers I have made through out the many years. I will also tell of people who have helped me through out the years. There are a few, all I had to do is ask and they have helped me. With out the help of all I could not have made enough to write my book. I hope now I'll have the time to do all that I want to do with not worrying about any deadline to meet.

Thank you one and all for showing me what good folks you all are. I will always remember each and every-one of you. You all write and say hello when you feel like it.

Remember folks thanks again for the kindness shown us all these years. I still say, I love you, I love you all. God Bless each and everyone. Thanks again folks to all.

Respectfully submitted Sally Kirka, President

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Deadline for articles and ads is May 15, 1985. Send at once if you can.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

BY SALLY KIRKA
MANCHESTER, CT

I received a nice letter from Angie Rosato. Angie wants to let you folks know hes still working on his book. Because of health reason things are going a little slower but as you know the book will be well worth waiting for. Angie assures me he has not given up finishing his book on elongated coins. To write a good book you just can't rush through it.

He has over 1000 pages catologed and now has completed seven chapters and they are camera ready for the printers. Angie tells me he still has ten more chapters to finish yet, so still may take several months to complete. So far there are 1250 pages completed with 175 illustrations and drawings in the first seven chapters.

Much of this is technical and historical. Writing, typeing, proof reading all takes time. Angie has recently been able to get a tpeest who can run his computer typewriter. He also has done all his own photograph and paste up with very little outside help. So all this takes a lot of time when you also have a business to run.

Like Angie said, not being in good health for so long this all takes time to write a good book. Theres so much to record in his book for the sake of our hobbys history.

Angie hopes to retire next year so just maybe he will have more time to spend on his book and finish it up. When you don't feel good it can be rough on you as I well know. So folks don't give up as like I said before the wait for the book on elongated coins will be worth waiting for. Thanks Angie for letting us know how your coming along. In the mean time take care of your health and God Bless you for a speedy recovery. Don't stay sick, get well quick.

MEMORIAL HALL

BY RICH BOTTLES JR.
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My mother and I were in the Pakland section of Pittsburgh one Saturday afternoon. We were trying to find the Syria Mosque Theatre amongst the the crowded buildings comprising the University of Pittsburgh. It seems Wayne Newton was going to appear there and my mother wanted to pick up a couple cheap seats. We finally found the theatre but my attention did not stay with the small but respectable-looking structure, my eyes were pulled toward the more spacious and majestic classical-styled building next door. I knew I had seen it before.

The building was the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and I had an elongated coin celebrating its opening in 1910. The elongated coin is better known as PENpit-3. The elongated coin depicts the front of the Hall as one would see it from the head of its spacious lawn. The date "OCT. 1910" is directly below the Hall and the words "DEDICATION OF /MEMORIAL HALL" are above and below the picture. "PITTSBURGH PA" is at the bottom of the piece.

I decided to look around the place that had seemed so important in 1910. Out front were two black cannons with a stack of balls beside each one. Ten foot tall statues of a Civil War Soldier and Sailor were to the left and right of the three entrance doors. Above the center door was the Statue of Victory which was a woman seated at a throne wearing a robe and a crown while grasping a sword.

The Memorial Hall cost over 1.5 million dollars to build and was originally meant as a memorial for the people of Alleghany County who served in the Union Army during the Civil War. In 1969 the Hall was redidicated to the memory of all Veterans from all wars. In 1974 it was entered in the National Register of Historic Places. This October the Hall celebrates its 75th Anniversary. The hall plans to have open-house festivities in October which will include Civil War films and war exhibits.

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As I walked into the building I saw that a group of people were holding graduation ceremonies in the Auditorium. The Auditorium, which holds over 2,000 people, is in the center of the building. The exhibits were along the walls of the Hall of Valor which encircled the Auditorium. By starting at one end and walking in one direction you can end up where you started, having missed none of the displays.

In the hall were Navel, Black Military, Vietnam, Korea, World War I, World War II, and Civil War exhibits. The exhibits displayed all kind of memorabilia including weapons, uniforms, art work, flags, medals, and badges. Whereas the exhibits had their share of medals and foreign monies but not one PENpit-3 could be seen.

"SUBJECTS"

BY LEE MARTIN L.N.G.
BEAUMONT, CALIF.

One of the hobby's major assets is wide range of subjects available from the most inventive group of rollers any field can enjoy.

When I am going to make new dies and try to give full consideration to potential subjects. The idea must meet several types of criteria. It should be a popular subject. In this category I find that the various fields of transportation covering trains, planes, cars and ships merit consideration. In addition the oddball news headlines must be considered. Space events seem to have become boring for my buyers as too often the same type of photo would be featured and only the names changed.

At the other end of the spectrum I have discovered that obituaries are not popular, no matter who the subject is. If my tribute to the late Betty Grable and Jack Benny was unsuccessful then no memory piece will be. Perhaps I made both of those issues because I loved them and thought everyone did. Among the non-sellers in my stock are obits such as Chunk Kai Shek, Mao Tse Tung, Howard Hughes, Paul Getty, and of course a lot of coins mentioning movie and television stars who have crossed the great eternal divide.

Elongated coins are metal tributes to gear moments in history but all too often what seems like a major event soon becomes a bit for trivia lovers. Classic examples of what statement include "Panay Sunk," Nixon events and this includes San Ervin who I placed upon a nickel and who is now among the great unknowns, at least as far as elongated coin collectors are concerned.

On the other hand slogan coins, specially those with a bit of humor are timeless. Few sell in large numbers but over the years they maintain their attraction. Favorites include such coins as "Never Play Leapfrog With A Unicorn" and Frustration is having no one to blame.

Coins produced by other rollers are often geared to special events such as fairs, vacation outlets and holiday issues. I like most of them but find it impractical to collect because my personal interests extend to topical collecting of subjects such as sports, news headlines and the theatre.

My favorite subjects that I have created are ships and history making events such as the sinking of the Titanic and Lusitania. I like them because the artwork comes from original sources that required a lot of research. Oh, yes the circus fascinates me and from time to time I try to make a coin that will illustrate that imaginary world.

Imagination can be fun to practice with as the following elongated story illustrates.

A roller was drawing a design featuring a whale and when his wife asked him why he was doing artwork as it was obvious he had never seen a whale he responded, "heck, Leonardo Da Vinci painted angels didn't he?"

MY LARGEST ENGRAVED DIE YET

BY SALLY KIRKA N.L.G.
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I wrote an article in last issue about having a large die made about as long as Lloyd Wagamans beautiful die of his calendar coin. Well my die was already engraved before Christmas or about that time.

After I received my die, due to not feeling to good I didn't want to spend to much time trying to roll coins. I didn't even have any idea if I could even roll the coin, which would have to be half dollars only and very hard to roll out. As this die was really the largest and longest of any dies I have made so far. Yet after seeing that Lloyd Wagaman could do it, I'd give it a try to. It could only break my machine and cost me plenty to fix, but why not. I could only cry a little to.

Anyhow even when I was sick, I could relax more when I was busy on my hobby which was elongated coins. I have made many and I mean many of the Philatelic Numismatic Combined Covers. I used to draw all by hand until I had the printer print some from my art work. I could start at supper time and keep going until 5 a.m. the next morning before I gave up.

In April when I was finishing up the TEC NEWS, I had a slight heart attack so I was told to relax more. So whats better was to do then keep busy with my hobby among all my other work.

So a week later my brother came over so I asked him to give me a hand, and we will see if we can roll the long half dollars out. I put the roll of dies in and was all set to go.

Now you have to set your pressure just right to roll half dollars. So you can lose a few and I mean a few half bucks until the pressure is set. As I didn't know if I could do it myself I told my brother to turn the handle while I pushed the half dollar until it started to go through. Until we reset the pressure a few times I lost more halves. Then between two of us we got maybe two or three pretty good ones. Yet not as I liked them to be. We did roll two halves which are half rolled only so are half elongated and half just is still part of the half dollar. This was done as we couldn't get the rest through.

By then my brother gave up as he told me this is a back breaking job. If you don't turn your body with the long handle you really can hurt your back. He also said, I can see why you can't just keep giving the free coins away.

Well when my brother walked away I hated to give up. I wanted to at least have one coin to say, I did it. Now I've been rolling coins for 15 years and I knew a few tricks so I made up my mind I'm going to do it with a prayer and some luck to. The first coin out was almost perfect so I kept going until I had at least 12 made. It wasn't easy as my heart was beating so fast I thought, why did I do it when my brother and I couldn't.

So I quickly called my brother and I told him to try a couple more. Each time I rolled one I learned a little more of how I could do better. If I could roll it maybe a $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch more I'd have a perfect one. What I did roll were good but I have to have them perfect.

Tomorrow I will try again to see if I can go that $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch more. Once I do this I will be happy. As it is I think I'm the first woman that has ever done this, meaning made such a large, long die as this. I still dont know how I did it but maybe God helped me a little as I'm sure not a wonder woman. Yet I feel very proud of myself as honest rolling these coins could kill you to.

As to the price of these rolled out half dollars they will be \$25. each plus two stamps if and when I sell them. I will roll a very low mintage of these halves as believe me your done for even rolling one. It wasn't easy but I did it. If my Doctor knew what I was doing to relax he would blow his top. Yet I won't tell him.

SPACE LABS

BY CHESTER M. ROGERS
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The newspapers call them "STAR WAR" and they are a very interesting subject. It has been said that the Nation that can control Space will be the Nation that will control the world. How many of us laugh when we saw Buck Rogers comic strip on the comic books, but today its a reality. It's here and making history. Some day these elongated coins depicting "STAR War" could become a collector's item. They give the dates when they go up and come down, how many are aboard, the space program has come a long way since it started. Each trip they gather more dates and pictures of the solar hemisphere. It cost a bundle but its worth it for the Freedom each of us share. How many of you have read about the shuttlest? Here are some facts printed in the Jonesboro (Ark.) Sun about the Challenger last trip.

The Challenger last trip, the Challenger flew 2.9 million miles and made 109 orbits. The three module in the Challenger cargo bay was enough research data to fill 50,000 volumes of 200 pages, also miles of film and more then three million frames of Vidio data, which will be studied by our scientists frame by frame. So, in the near future if anyone comes across an elongated coin of (STAR WAR) with a little research they could find out all about the Space programs of Star War.

I have just finished the 3th Star War elongated coins which prompted me to try and write an article about them.

AN APPEAL, TO TEC MEMBERS AND COLLECTORS

BY DOUG FAIRBANKS, SR.
JAMESVILLE, N.Y.

It is my intent, once this up-coming fixed price list sale is published and distributed, to put out a sipplement to the Martin-Dow referance book "Yesterday's Elongateds," I have written permission slips from both Lee Martin and Dottie Dow to do same. Proposed additional collectors information would consist of the following ie-corrections-Delations-Vanations-"Unlisteds and hopefully a new price structure.

This in no way represents an attempt to be little Lee and Dottie's past work. Their previous books on elongated coins will always be deeply appreciated, and forever remain useful. I feel sure that you will all be more then happy to assist me in this task, for the betterment of the hobby. I know that there are many Variations and Unlisted out there and can use any helpful information, rubbings, drawings, or factual literary digestions that may be forth-coming from you, the collectors. Due "credits" will be listed and greatly appreciated. I will not be including the "Lords Prayer" or the Ten Commandments" in this proposed supplements but I entertain high hopes of a future Supplement of these issues, containing larger photographs and illustrations.

Guess I had better contact Bob Callendar and Ben Babin about possible use of any pertinent information from their two publications, as hopefully copies of some, since mine seem to have disappeared. What else can I say, except, HELP! HELP! HELP!

FOR SALE; By Chester Rogers, P.O. Box 553, Leachville, Ark. 72438. Chet, has a few new coins for sale, President Reagan, Challinger and the three, Star War Labs. All are 75¢ each, plus S.A.S.E.

FOR SALE; By Doug Fairbanks, 5937 Beadle Dr., Jamesville, N.Y. 13078. Doug has Elongated coin fixed price listing, 4000 and entrys. "Moderns, oldies, unlisteds and misc." Send name and address for this listing plus \$3.00. He also buys, trades and sells coins, so describe, price, and write what you have.

A TIP OF THE HAT TO THE ROLLER

BY LEE MARTIN N.L.G.
BEAUMONT, CA.

Before I get into the subject that motivates this article I'd like to tell my friends that I am recovering from a rather severe heart attack which clobbered me last September. (Can any heart attack be called "not severe?") In any case, I am home, exercising in a cardiac rehabilitation program and once again rolling coins. The latter for the first time in 7 or 8 months. It is nice to be mending and hopefully I will be active in the hobby again.

But the time spent recovering was also useful to me because it allowed a close look at the finest hobby in the world and the many rollers who make it so...of course this also includes the TEC group who do their best to support the field.

What motivates a roller? I doubt if profit is sole desire. Few rollers bring smiles to the Internal Revenue Service with their tax returns. The average creator of elongated coins is satisfied if he or she "breaks even." The few businessmen who use black ink in their books are exceptions.

If profit is not the major force behind the rolling of coins what is? My answer to that question would be "The satisfaction in creating issues that will lend a sort of posterity to the issuer." Also the chance to make a commemorative or design that is of personal satisfaction and the steady challenge involved in designing, etching and rolling coins. I honestly think many rollers are frustrated artists who use the coins as a means of expression.

I have not been able to understand why our coins are so neglected by collectors. The work involved and the costs in material and time should make the elongated coins sell for at least \$5. each but in the decades that I have been around the stretched coins the price has remained almost constant in defiance of rising costs almost everywhere in the hobby. Note that when the silver coins and gold issues remained at high levels.

That the price of elongated coins is not going to increase is a certainty. A major reason is the involvement of so many new rollers who face competition from old timers and some of the newcomers feel that a price drop is the answer to the need to increase the number of buyers. However the major reason why prices will not jump overall is as indicated previously....few are rolling coins with intention of getting rich and keeping collectors happy is as important as making money.

I find that elongated coins are super presents for almost everyone who you come in contact with. I give "THANK YOU VERY MUCH" and "I APPRECIATE YOU" Plus "THANKS FOR THE FINE SERVICE" or another which simply states "I DON'T WANT ALL THE BUSINESS; JUST YOURS." There isn't anyone who does not smile upon obtaining a stretched Lincoln. It is an inexpensive way of making friends and makes me wonder why I didn't use the coins when I was dating. Too bad the old man with the scythe who we call "Father Time" came so quickly.

Super market clerks, waitresses, secretaries, my doctor and all the nurses are proof to me that elongated coins are tickets to obtaining both smiles and interest in our hobby.

FOR SALE; By Tom Gerhardt, P.O. Box 135, Keystone, S.D. 57751. Tom travels around a lot so that's why the different address. He's now going for summer to Keystone, S.D. Tom has another nice coin for sale, the Mountain Man. This makes four new coins he has. Each are 50¢ each, plus S.A.S.E. The above address will be for the summer months but his mail will catch up to him if you wrote to his home address.

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MORE ABOUT MY LARGEST ENGRAVINGBY SALLY KIRKA N.L.G.
MANCHESTER, CONN.

As I needed more articles to fill a couple more pages I'll continue about the largest long die I had made.

If you think its easy to roll the long half dollars, think again as wow, it could break your back. A few times when I pushed the coin to quickly, I could only roll the half dollar half way. No way did I have that kind of strength to roll it through. So I had to roll the coin back. Only now I really had a half dollar as the saying goes. Now I have a few half rolled with half engraving on and the other half as a half dollar. Yet I wont waste these coins either as I make a hole in them and put them on an necklace. They look pretty as they are.

Now the half dollar I did roll were murder on your ribs and sides. After I do a few I thought I had broken ribs. Also I couldn't laugh or cough as my sides hurt me so. The second day I tried this I couldn't even roll one coin so I gave up until the next day.

I tried again the third day and maybe with a prayer and some luck, I rolled five good ones I gave up for that day as I was so proud I rolled five as I never thought I could do that. Yet enough for that day.

By the way it was also rough to flatten the clad halves to. Yet slowly I did it with my little hammer. If you don't hammer to hard and easy does it, you wont ruin the coin. I have a special board made for this so I did it alright.

One night I got some silver halves hoping to roll some out. I found out later it was just as hard to roll the silver halves as the clad. Only if you ruin a silver half dollar you sort of cry more even though you cry when you ruin a clad half dollar to. Its not like losing a penny and those half dollars sure add up fast when you ruin a few at a time.

Out of the five silver half dollars I had rolled maybe one didn't come out good. So later I stained some more silver halves to see if I could do more. Hopefully I don't hurt myself doing this. It takes me about 2 or 3 hours before my heart beats normal again. Why its so hard to do is I roll all my coins by hand. When I get stuck rolling a coin I can lift my bench and machine about 10" off the floor, while turning the handle. Yet I cant push the heavy bench back to where it was by myself. Yet how could I have lifted my machine and table up in the air 10 inches I don't really know. So that gives you an idea of how hard it is for me to roll these large engravings.

I tried to roll quarters to but they didn't roll as wide as I wanted them, yet I like what I did. It was much easier to do a few quarters but as the die is long it was still hard to do to.

I will limit this issue of coins as just to hard to roll. If I have 35 of these coins for sale, I'll be lucky. I would careless what others sell coins for. I will charge \$25. plus a couple stamps for this large coin when and if I start to sell them. Those that roll coins know and understand its not easy to do. If two of us couldn't roll one good coin, you can understand how hard it was for me alone to roll them.

As it is I now have I think six different size engraved dies made. From a mini size die, to regular size dies that most of you buy of rolled pennies. Then I had a larger die made to roll longer pennies. Then I had a die engraved to roll nickels. By the way, nickels are murder to do as I did the membership coin on nickels this year. Also I had a die made larger for quarters only. Although I can roll half dollars of the quarter size dies or all the other dies I mentioned. Yet the largest die I'm working on now I can't put on smaller coins.

As far as I know Lloyd Wagan made the first longest engraved die and I'm the second one to try this. I hope to have an article about this largest half dollar I made in Coin World. Hopefully they put picture in.

"MEET THE MAN OF ELONGATED COINS"

BY GARY E. GLISE
ROCHESTER, N.Y.

I hope that lots of you good people got to meet each other at the last A.N.A. - TEC meeting and even more hope to get together in 1985. If the past TEC meeting was anything like that in Boston in 1982 I know that everyone walked out with pockets bulging with elongated coins. I wasn't able to make the 1984 one but hope to make this one 1985. With any sort of luck, maybe, just maybe the rest of you good people will have met the gentleman that I had last September 11 of meeting "Doug Fairbanks."

I only got to spend about eight short hours with him and his charming wife. He is nicer then nice and his wife is likewisw (and lots better looking - Ha, Ha.) In eight hours I got only to see a small part of his "collection." How can one person view fifty club binders chuck full of nothing but elongated coins and never seeing the same one twice and say that you saw them all.

Without going into his vast inventory of stock that he has for sale he has got to have the most complete collection going. I only have four binders of oldies and mine are of recent rolls. Doug and I looked over each others collectings, told stories and swaped lies like we had known each other for twenty years.

His wife fixed a great big supper for us while we were "gasing away" in his room, but after all that good food and talk it was back to elongated coins and lots of elongated coin talk. It was like looking through the Dow and Martin Book first-hand.

The one that stood out for me was "not one gold bug", but my God, the unlisteds and the ones on "off" coins you wouldn't believe. Just the ILL WCE's on different coins would cover eight or ten 20 pocket page vineles. Everything from half cent to \$2.50 gold, does he have elongated coins?

Doug wants to list his unlisted and all he is waiting for is for an o.k. from Dottie Dow, He has the o.k. from Lee Martin to go ahead with it.

If Doug says he has it, he has it. I only wish that each and everyone of you were able to have come along with me to see this fine collection of elongated coins and meet this gentleman.

FOR SALE; By Tom Gerhardt, 2060 Kingston St., Aurora, Colo. 80010. Tom, "The Penny Man," has a new coin out, the Hoover Dam 50th Anniversary." The coin is 50¢ each, plus a S.A.S.E.

FOR SALE; By Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47803. To all paid up TEC members only. Will sell 100 different elongated pennies for \$15.00. This is a one time offer and I pay postage. All my Space Shuttle Series up to 17 coins now. Special price all for only \$5. Frank plans to keep this series going so if you need singles for your sets, send S.A.S.E. and 25¢ for each one you need. He will also pay postage on this set to. So order early before they sell out at this price. Only \$20. for both sets.

FREE; By Frank Brazzell, 53 So. 20th Street, Terre Haute, IN 47803. Frank will send a free "A.N.A. T.E.C. meeting in Baltimore MD" coin to the TEC members who can't attend our TEC meeting. Those going to the TEC meeting can pick theirs up there. Please send an S.A.S.E. when sending for your free coin.

FOR SALE; By Karen S. Morrison, % Morrison Trading Co., P.O. Box 12-224, Denver, Colo. 80212. Karen and her husband Sam are new rollers of the elongated coins. They now have four beautiful designed coins for sale at 50¢ each, plus S.A.S.E.

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A STICKY MESS

BY SALLY KIRKA N.L.G.
MANCHESTER, CONN.

Did you ever buy or receive a beautiful rolled out elongated coin only to have the sender have it all taped up with scotch tape? What a mess it is to get that sticky mess off the elongated coin even after you pull the tape off? I myself have received many elongated coins that way. It hurts a lot to see the coins like this.

I think I wrote two or three articles on this kind of tape but somehow people don't read the article or don't seem to care. As I see and hear of many who still do this. I received a letter from one member asking how to get the sticky mess off with out ruining the elongated coin. I think the coin is already ruined. With the zinc pennies, forget it as they are already in bad shape to begin with. With the copper coins also if you try to clean them, the coloring or stain which ever used will be rubbed off and Lincoln wont show. The only way is to try to rub it off with your fingers little by little. If you leave it out it will dry up and you can rub it off a little at a time.

To use a nail polish remover can harm your coins a lot. Some still use it but I somehow wouldn't recommend this. Use your own judgement on this.

Just lately I received a very nice elongated coin and was told only a few made. I was very grateful to receive this elongated coin but could have cried to see the sticky mess the scotch tape did to this beautiful elongated coin. So why do people do this when sending out a coin or coins.

When I send out my elongated coins even like the membership coins we send to all, I put the elongated coin in paper. Any kind of paper will do, just cut to size of coin. Then scotch tape so coin doesn't roll around in your envelope. So never put scotch tape right on the coin as thats a no-no. If I paid good money for a nice elongated coin I'd return it if someone had put scotch tape all over it. So members take notice.

Now another way of doing it is use the soft masking tape which can be easily pulled off and no harm done. Even then put the masking tape on the front so as not to pull the coloring off the back. All collectors like to see Lincoln on the back. Better still wrap the coin in paper and then tape the paper over coin to your letter. Happy collecting to you all and may your troubles be little ones.

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NOTES OF INTEREST

Roger Winkelhake sent in his dues and a \$5. donation to TEC. I think that was very nice to do this. A nice thank you from all the officers, Mr. Winkelhake.

Received word from Charles Strickland that a tree fell on his trailer home the early part of April. Although the trailer was smashed, or almost crushed to pieces, Charles was lucky as he was standing in the right place at the right time and wasn't hurt at all. Wow, that was real something. I think that was the week that everyone along the east coast had high hurricane winds a few nights. I know as I was worried about the strong winds one night that week to. Anyhow I'd like to say, thank God your alright Charles.

Also heard from Lee Martin and hes feeling much better after his heart attack. Hes doing so much better he will be back to rolling coins again, and will have some elongated coins ready to sell. If you didn't receive his latest list you may write to A. Goodwin, P.O. Box 667, Beaumont, CA. 92223. Stay healthy Lee. Our warm wishes from all the TEC members.

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 NOMINATED FOR TEC PRESIDENT
 CHESTER M. ROGERS, LEACHVILLE, ARK.

I have been an active member of TEC since 1971 and have attended many TEC annual meetings. I have donated many elongated coins for the TEC NEWS letter and have written many articles. The last three years I have attended our annual meeting and have helped out in the booth that we have at the A.N.A. Conventions. I have been a roller since 1971 and started to make my own dies in 1977. I served two years on the TEC Board of Governors. The elongated coins are the only hobby that I have and collect, so will concentrate all my efforts on them. I have had the experience of being the Grand Master of a Grand Lodge of Arkansas which is a big responsibility and covers the whole State. I will devote all efforts to the best for the club as it is only club I belong too.

 NOMINATED FOR VICE PRESIDENT
 C. "GUS" MECCARELLO, POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y.

Was proud to be nominated for Vice President of TEC. If I'm elected as Vice President I will work hard to up hold the office and to further the growth of the elongated coin hobby.

I've been collecting elongated coins for over 50 years and have over 10,000 different elongated coins in my Elongated Coin Museum. Many of the elongated coins pictured in the Martin-Dow book are from my Museum and also in A. Rosato's coming book. He has done many hours of research in my Museum. I will help any member in all phases of this hobby from rolling elongated coins, die engraving etc. Will appreciate your vote to.

 NOMINATED FOR VICE PRESIDENT
 GINNIE S. ALDRIDGE, COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VA.

It is an honor to be nominated for office of Vice President of TEC. As a charter member, I have noted the growth of our organization with great deal of pride.

I am a District Representation for the American Numismatic Association since 1981 and past president of DWMC. Also served a term on the TEC Board of Governors and also as Historian. If elected, I will work diligently for the continued growth of TEC.

 NOMINATED FOR TEC SECRETARY
 RAY DILLARD, FENTON, MI.

I retired from General Motors in 1981 after 38 years of service. I am 59 years old and have been married for 41 years. After retiring I became interested in elongated coins. I joined TEC in 1981 and also bought a manually operated elongated machine. I enjoy exhibiting my material and have won at local, state and national awards.

Besides TEC, I belong to the A.N.A., MICH-TAMS, and the Michigan State Numismatic Society (MSNS). I have been an active member of the Flint Flying Eagle Coin Club for a number of years and am currently serving as President for 1984-1985.

I have made numerous inquiries regarding duties of secretary. I feel that I am qualified to perform those duties and pledge to accept the responsibilities of the office and to extend my full efforts and cooperation if elected.

 As of this typeing no one has accepted the nomination for treasurer. So the new Secretary will take over, until the Board of Directors vote in a new treasurer. A treasurer must be bonded and must have been a member in good standing and must have been a member of TEC for two years. Those nominated for the job were not TEC members so therefore could not accept the nomination.

 NOMINATED FOR BOARD OF DIRECTOR
 LEE MARTIN, BEAUMONT, CALIF.

Lee Martin was a past president of TEC and he was an earlier officer of TEC serving on the Board of Directors. He was the founder of the Numismatic Literary Guild and served as their president for many years. Lee also was a TEC Editor for two years.

To tell all the things that Lee Martin did would fill a book. If you folks get the Coinage magazine, you will see many of his articles there. He writes for many magazines which appear on your news-stands. He has gotten TEC many new members from his magazine articles. He is and always was a worker for TEC. If he is elected he will work hard for the club to keep our club going.

 NOMINATED FOR BOARD OF DIRECTOR
 THOMAS M. ARMSTRONG, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

Tom served as President of two local coin clubs, as well as Tennessee State Numismatic Society. Served on the Board of Directors of these organizations as well as the Blue Ridge Numismatic Association. Presently the editor of the quarterly publication of TSNS, TENNCOIN NEWS, a position he held since the early 1970. He is also an active exhibitor at the regional shows. He also works with Juniors in local clubs.

He is a member of the A.N.A. and is serving as club representative for the past ten years. Life member of T.S.N.S. and Chief John Ross, member of FUN, GNA, BRNA, NYSWMS, PWMG, AWMG, CLCC, CCC, CRJRCC and TEC.

If elected, will attend meeting and will perform the duties of this office to the best of my ability.

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 The elongated coins donated for the July issue of the TEC NEWS were donated by Florence Schook our own TEC member who is running for the A.N.A. President at the Baltimore, Maryland convention. We all wish you the best of luck. The beautiful job of engraving was done by Frank Brazzell and the coins were rolled by Ray Dillard. Thank you all for the nice coin.

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WHAT A NICE SURPRISE BERT?

BY SALLY KIRKA N.L.G.
MANCHESTER, CONN.



Its always nice to get up in the morning and have a package waiting for you in the mailbox, As you can see my mailman comes early in the morning. So many times when I get up my mail is already there.

Anyhow when I saw the package I thought someone had sent me a late article or a full page ad. So I was anxious to see what came in the large brown envelope.

I really did receive a very nice surprise from Bert Samsa of 611 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, Alaska 99701.

To my surprise when I opened the package, there was a cap there something like what the baseball players wear. Now they are popular with all as many people collect these caps with different advertisements on them. Well, this one had a nice picture of one of Berts elongated coins on it. Its really so nice it should be a nice collectors item in anyones collection. So far everyone who has seen my cap all asked me where did I get it? This is something that Bert had made up with a picture of his latest elongated coin on it. I think Frank Brazzell did the engraving of this elongated coin. The coin is the same design as the picture of the elongated coin on the cap. See picture above.

The hat or cap is black with a red front and a copper color picture of the penny with black lettering on it. Bert told me he is selling these caps for \$7.50 P.P. As I reread Bert's letter he tells me the caps come in a few colors but it will have to be his choice what color he sends you. Yet I like the color Bert sent to me. The hats or caps can ajust to the size of your head. So if your interested in owning a cap like this please use the above address and write to Bert Samsa and send your check.

Don't forget folks if your interested in Bert Samsa cap why not order yourself this collectors item. Nice to wear anywhere and specially to coin shows. So move over baseball players, as our elongated coins are now on caps to. Thank you Bert for sending this cap to me as I feel so proud to be an owner of a cap like this as I do collect anything to do with elongated coins.

By the way Bert is also interested in buying elongated coins related to Alaska, other than pennies. If you have any write first giving price etc.

I don't sell what I have but one town put one of my elongated coins I had made for them on different things. I have a sample of all. I have picture of the elongated coin celebrating the 175th Anniversary of our Rockville, Conn. Now called Vernon, Conn. The picture is on a glass pitcher, a glass bank, and on a coffee cup. So these are something nice to have in my collection to.

Received some late sad news from Bob Coney of 2627 Myrtle Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51103, TEC # 878. He lost his wife Dolores Coney. She passed away sometime in May. The correct day was not given but I think she passed away on a Tuesday about May 14th. The funeral services were held on Friday May 17th. I say about, as I could be wrong about the date.

Survirors beside her husband Bob Coney are two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Coney attended seven A.N.A. Conventions so she had met many TEC members there. Our deepest symphany go to Bob Coney and his family from the TEC officers and members. Open up your hearts folks as its never to late to send Bob Coney a card or a letter letting him know we all care. You'll never know how lonely this can be until it happens to you. So send a card and show Bob we in T,E,C, do really care.

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CREATIVITY

BY LEE MARTIN N.L.G.
BEAUMONT, CALIF.

I have written articles about the creative experts that make our hobby so interesting but a recent view of a new elongated coin, this one made by Sally Kirka motivates this article because the coin was so unique and illustrates so perfectly how wide ranging are the ideas of some rollers.

The coin to be discussed is a Lord's Prayer and when someone is able to make a NEW Lord's Prayer it obviously is worth mentioning. The Lord's Prayer coins have been done in French, English, Spanish and I suppose in other tongues and the coins have a variety of alloys including all denominations and even foreign coins. (The latter thought is somewhat satirical in doing a religious issue on a coin that is illegal makes one wonder whether the coin is acceptable?)

But back to Sally's creation. I don't know what the largest elongated coin ever made is but this issue features a Kennedy Half and the entire gamut of the coin is stretched and loaded with the prayer plus small decorative bits. It is LARGE and wonderful. It required a full die and must have been very costly to make but there is also a miracle attached to the birth of the coin. Sally does NOT have an electric machine and is also not in the best of health so rolling this large coin which must have required super coordination and lots of strength, makes the Kennedy half dollar very special in all respects.

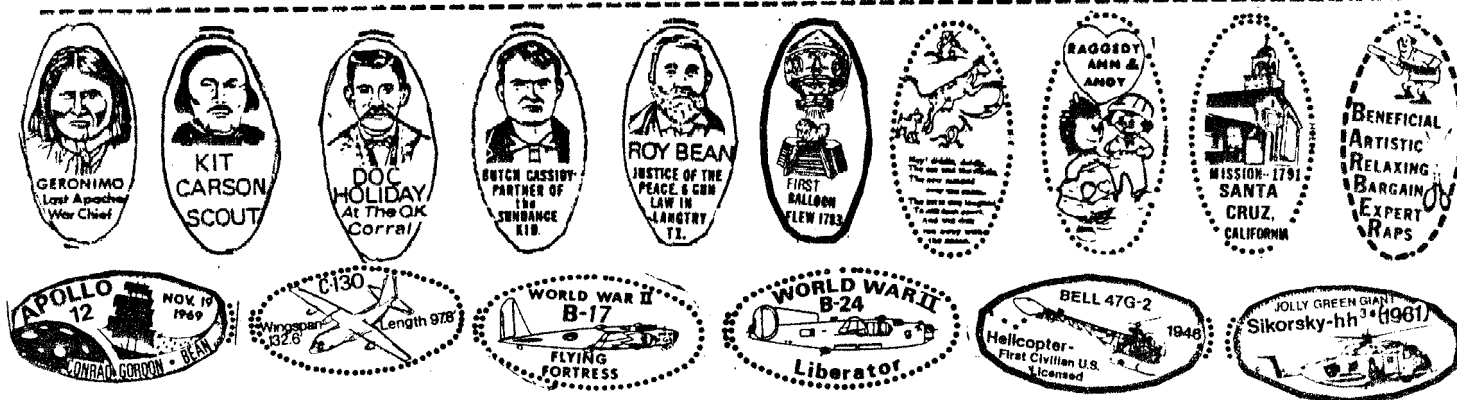
The price of the coin is \$25. and I am not sure how the hobby will react to the price but long ago it was decided that a special low mintage issue was worth a lot more than the basic half dollar at most coins are offered. The rare exception to this of 75¢ or \$1.00 has proven to be a barrier easily cracked when the coin has merit.

Surely this low mintage obviously so because of the effort demanded and the costs involved (every error means fifty cents lost) plus the once in a lifetime opportunity to read a Lord's Prayer coin without straining one's eyes or patience are all attributes indicating the price is not out of line.

By the way Sally has also produced the first smallest Lord's Prayer coin so the gamut is now covered, but there is one Lord's Prayer no one has issued and it is this odd creation which is about to be mentioned for the first time in elongated history. (The following is merely a joke and not meant to be sacrilegious so please accept my interpretation in the manner it is offered.

A collector received his Lord's Prayer coin which had been featured in an ad and immediately wrote the seller with the complaint "The elongated coin is BLANK!" The slick roller replied of course that is the Atheist Lord's Prayer.

Thank goodness that type of roller is merely my fiction and the fine coins we buy do have the Prayer in all its depth and meaning. This article is not meant to be a commercial for Sally although it wound up that way. If a coin merits praise why not tell the world?



"THE BAREFOOT MAILMAN"

BY JOHN G. SPADONE
MIAMI, FLA.

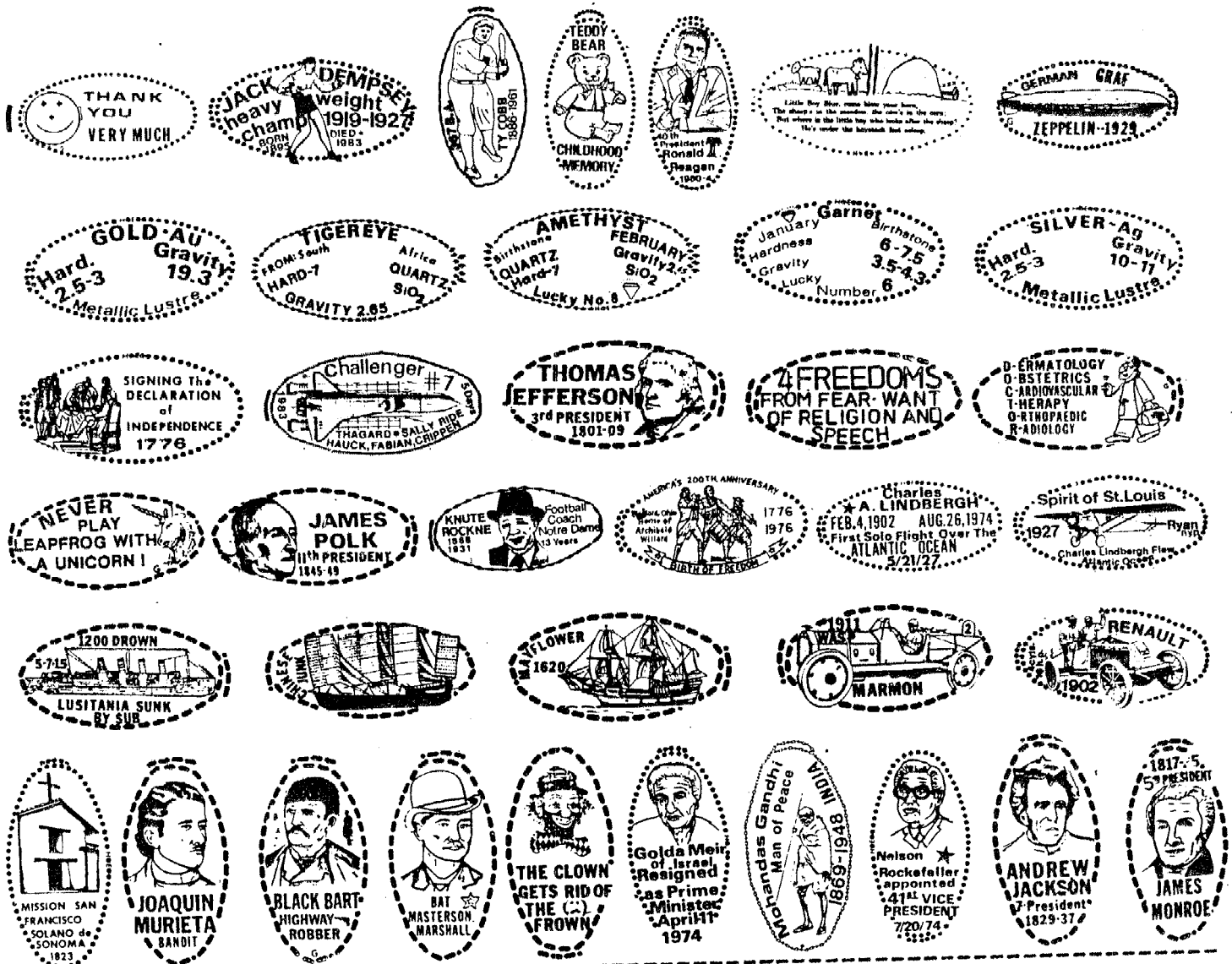
When I moved to Miami, Florida years ago, Jack Wilcox (postman from N.J.) asked me if I knew anything about "The Barefoot Mailman," and if I could get him any information. During that time I did locate a logo of "The Barefoot Mailman." This was a black silhouette used on business stationary by a Pompano Bank.

A couple of years ago I saw a paper-back book about "The Bare-foot Mailman," a 1943 novel by Theodore Pratt, a Delray Beach author. The pictorial cover hit me like a ton of bricks. I remember the same murals at West Palm Beach postoffice back in 1955, when I was stationed at the Air base.

I couldn't believe that I actually looked at these six murals, without giving it a second thought, that I was looking at part of Florida's History and the same "Bare-foot Mailman," that Jack Wilcox was asking about.

Now that I have the pictures and the story, I can now put out an elongated coin on this to honor the Postal Service and "The courageous Bare-foot Mailman." A first day cover can also be made. if and when a stamp comes out. The six large murals will be placed in the new West Palm Beach post-office, when it opens in 1986.

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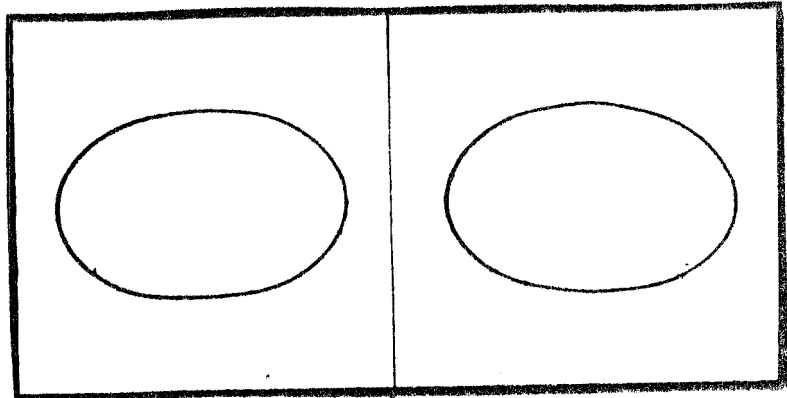
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